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TO: Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee

FROM: Patty Sullivan, Facilitator

SUBJECT: Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee Meeting on December 7, 2005

DATE: December 28, 2005

The Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) met on Wednesday, December 7, 2005 in the Professional Development Center at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Ann Lewis
Joel Griffin
Robert Sowell

Bob Piersall
Kim Gilbey
Steven Apicella

Cheryl Beagle
Laura Dean

Facilitator Patty Sullivan and staff member and Kate Gilliam were present.

A. Patty Sullivan told the committee that Dr. Murray and the new Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mr. Wayne Carruthers, would be attending the January 4, 2006 CBAC meeting. Patty explained to the committee that Dr. Murray had the following concern:

- The committee asked to comment on the budget prior to it being presented, however, no one has asked for any information from Dr. Murray? Does the committee need anything to support their needs from Dr. Murray?

B. Formation of committee. Committee decided to form a "Drivers Committee" to analyze the budget, specifically mandatory vs. discretionary items. Committee requested a listing of these items.

C. Committee concerns. Some members of the committee are questioning the value of CBAC. Some feel their efforts are benign if the budget is so driven by incoming revenues.

D. Additional information. Committee requested the following information:

1. Standards of Learning (SOL), Standards of Accreditation (SOA), and Standards of Quality (SOQ)
2. Local Composite Index Formula
3. Editorial from The Freelance Star dated December 3, 2005
4. Citizens Comments from November 15, 2005 Public Hearing
5. Mandatory vs. Discretionary budget items

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.—Professional Development Center, Room 15